

# Warrior News

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## 3rd/378th

### Upcoming Drill Dates

April 4-6 (MUTA 5)

May 17-18

June 7-8

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## Commander's Corner



My fellow citizens, at this hour, American and coalition forces are in the early stages of military operations to disarm Iraq, to free its people and to defend the world from grave danger.

On my orders, coalition forces have begun striking selected targets of military importance to undermine Saddam Hussein's ability to wage war. These are opening stages of what will be a broad and concerted campaign. More than 35 countries are giving crucial support -- from the use of naval and air bases, to help with intelligence and logistics, to the deployment of combat units. Every nation in this coalition has chosen to bear the duty and share the honor of serving in our common defense.

To all the men and women of the United States Armed Forces now in the Middle East, the peace of a troubled world and the hopes of an oppressed people now depend on you. That trust is well placed.

The enemies you confront will come to know your skill and bravery. The people you liberate will witness the honorable and decent spirit of the American military. In this conflict, America faces an enemy who has no regard for conventions of war or rules of morality. Saddam Hussein has placed Iraqi troops and equipment in civilian areas, attempting to use innocent men, women and children as shields for his own military -- a final atrocity against his people.

I want Americans and all the world to know that coalition forces will make every effort to spare innocent civilians from harm. A campaign on the harsh terrain of a nation as large as California could be longer and more difficult than some predict. And helping Iraqis achieve a united, stable and free country will require our sustained commitment.

We come to Iraq with respect for its citizens, for their great civilization and for the religious faiths they practice. We have no ambition in Iraq, except to remove a threat and restore control of that country to its own people.

I know that the families of our military are praying that all those who serve will return safely and soon. Millions of Americans are praying with you for the safety of your loved ones and for the protection of the innocent. For your sacrifice, you have the gratitude and respect of the American people. And you can know that our forces will be coming home as soon as their work is done.

Our nation enters this conflict reluctantly -- yet, our purpose is sure. The people of the United States and our friends and allies will not live at the mercy of an outlaw regime that threatens the peace with weapons of mass murder. We will meet that threat now, with our Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard and Marines, so that we do not have to meet it later with armies of fire fighters and police and doctors on the streets of our cities.

Now that conflict has come, the only way to limit its duration is to apply decisive force. And I assure you, this will not be a campaign of half measures, and we will accept no outcome but victory.

My fellow citizens, the dangers to our country and the world will be overcome. We will pass through this time of peril and carry on the work of peace. We will defend our freedom. We will bring freedom to others and we will prevail.

May God bless our country and all who defend her.

- The President of The United States

## New Phone Numbers

Due to recent moves some important phone numbers have changed.  
Facility Phone: 405-360-5337 / 5758

Assigned To	Ext
MS McLeary	221
SFC Madden	222
SFC Leckie	226
MSG Morris	227
MAJ May	228
LTC Guier	240
CSM Wagner	232
S1 Office	229
MAJ Todd	238
Judy McIntire	236

## FTX Packing List

Wondering what to take with you on your next Field Training Exercise?

Worn/Carried	
BDUs (complete w/black belt & combat boots )	
BDU Cap	
Identification (dog) Tags	
Helmet, Kevlar (w/ rank and last name printed in block letters on band)	
Load Bearing Equipment (TA-50), including:	
Pistol Belt w/harness	
1 canteen with cup and cover	
2 ammunition pouches	
First Aid pouch w/dressing	
Ear plug case w/ earplugs	
Flashlight w/ red lens cover (check batteries)	
Field Jacket w/liner	
Black Gloves w/wool inserts	
Pocket Notebook w/pen and mechanical pencil	
Carried in Duffel Bag	
Shirt, BDU	
Trousers, BDU	
Undershirt, Brown (3)	
Underwear (3 pair)	
Socks, OG 508 Wool (3 pair)	
Socks, White Athletic (2 pair)	
Army PT Shirt, Short, Pant	
Shoes, Running	
Sleeping Bag	
Civilian Clothing (1 set)	
Bath Towel (small) and washcloth (1 each)	
Lighter	
Personal/Hygiene Items Kit	
Razor/Shaving Cream	Q-tips/Band-aids
Toothbrush, paste,	Watch/alarm
Floss	Soap
Shampoo	Foot powder
Deodorant	Prescription Glasses
Optional Items	
Lantern	Sleeping Mat
Snacks	Insect Repellant
Sleeping Cot	CamelBack

## "I Got Your Back"

I am a small and precious child, my dads been sent to fight....  
The only place I'll see his face, is in my dreams at night.  
He will be gone too many days for my young mind to keep track.

I may be sad, but I am proud.  
My daddy's got your back.

I am a caring mother. My son has gone to war...  
My mind is filled with worries that I have never known before.  
Every day I try to keep my thoughts from turning black.

I may be scared, but I am proud.  
My son has got your back.

I am a strong and loving wife, with a husband who had to go.  
There are times I'm terrified in a way most never know.  
I bite my lip, and force a smile as I watch my husband pack...

My heart may break, but I am proud.  
My husband's got your back.

I am a soldier...Serving Proudly, Standing Tall.  
I fight for freedom, yours and mine, by answering this call.  
I do my job while knowing, the thanks it sometimes lacks.

Say a prayer that I'll come home.  
It's me who's got your back.

- Author Unknown

## Military Family Bulletin Board

Family Support on the Internet

IVillage in conjunction with Parentsplace.com has a wonderful message board for military families.

Here is what the CL (community leader) has to say.

"This is a safe place for anyone affiliated with the military in any way (wives, mothers, husbands, children, friends and more) to come and share their experiences. The CLs and CMs work to make sure of this, as do all of the posters. All opinions are welcome - always. We are open for discussion on just about any subject. We love having visitors because every visitor is a potential board member! On this board, you may find girlfriends, wives, mothers, grandmothers, children, friends and husbands. There are civilians, in the military currently, former military and retirees. In short, this board brings together a mass amount of experience, joy, heartache, fun, support, empathy and compassion. We hope to get to know the newbies and hope they post often so that they may get to know us. We love meeting new people and making new friends. Please continue to vent, question, share, voice any and all concerns. As always, we just ask that it be done in a respectful way. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Our email address is linked at the top of the page. Bookmark the board with this link: <http://boards.parentsplace.com/cgi-bin/boards/military> - Michele and Mary"

## Home, Home on the Web

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion will soon have its own home on the web. We are hoping this will be a great tool, a user friendly starting point for any military related information that you might need.

The website will include sections containing information on: Drill Dates, Deployment Resources, a comprehensive list of useful links, an online version of this newsletter, Family Support Information, and a Training Guide CD request form. The website continues to grow and there will be additional information added as needed. If you have a great link or an idea that could be included, feel free to email your ideas to [morningstar.cornell@us.army.mil](mailto:morningstar.cornell@us.army.mil), or contact Judy McIntire at the unit.



## Formal Dining-Out

There will be a formal dining-out, meaning family can attend, in May at the Officer's Club at Tinker AFB.

The Price per person is as follows:

E1-E4	\$15
E5-E7	\$20
E8 +	\$30

If you feel that you can't come, because you can't afford it, please don't let that stop you. Arrangements will be made through Family Support or your Company Commander to make it possible for you to come.

This is a formal dining-out; proper dress for the men will be Class A's with a white shirt and black bow-tie. Your spouse or date may wear a formal dress. If you do not have one available, contact Judy McIntire as she has access to 4 dresses that are available to borrow in sizes 5-12, and hopefully will be getting more soon. She went looking around and discovered that you can find some really nice dresses from consignment shops at very affordable prices, as low as \$15.00.



## Birthdays - APRIL

- Jack Cornell



## Births

Congratulations to the SFC Gary Nix and family on the birth of their baby girl in February.

Congratulations to SFC Tyoga Luther and family on their baby girl Kennedy.



## Weddings

Congratulations to Delta Company's Michael Sankadota on his upcoming marriage.





### “Commitment and Honor”

Soldiers are a special breed of today's "American". They are willing to place their personal views, political opinions and emotional feelings aside for the one place they can always call home, The United States of America. To be an American Soldier is a philosophy, a way of life, not just a duty or an every day job. Our Soldiers believe in their Country and live by the values that have been instilled within us all during childhood, Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage. It is these aspects that make us all, regardless of political affiliation, religion, or race stand behind and beside the best of what our nation has to defend her, our American Soldier.

During this time of uncertainty, during this time of great conflict, you can sleep well; our Soldiers will protect you. You can know that our Country, our Great Nation will stand together and show our Troops that we care and support them until the last fight has been fought, until there is only peace left to defend.

Now is the time for us to all to send our Troops our commitment to them, as they have already given to us. Today, take but a moment, to write a note to a lonely Soldier. Tell them of your pride, your gratitude, for their burden and sacrifice. History has shown the future's course; if you give an American Soldier your support, they will give you hope, give an American Soldier your love and they will give you freedom.

God Bless our Country, God Bless our Soldiers

- An American Patriot

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